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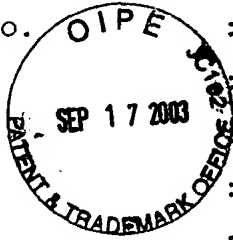
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Art Unit : 2882
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STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Sir:

On September 15, 2003, the undersigned telephoned the examiner to discuss the Examiner's Advisory Action dated August 26, 2003. The undersigned presented arguments regarding the novel characteristics of the application as stated in Claim 1, especially in contrast to the relied upon prior art of Inoue and Ohtomo. The Examiner listened to the arguments and suggested that either an Appeal or an RCE be initiated to follow up on these points and reopen prosecution.

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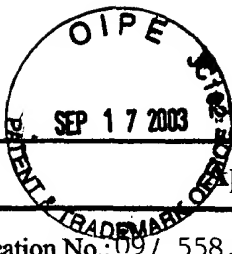
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Very respectfully,

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Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

463P065

Application No.: 09/ 558,562 First Named Applicant: Masahiro Ohishi
Examiner: C. Thomas, Jr. Art Unit: 2882 Status of Application: Pending

Tentative Participants:

(1) Robert Frame (2) Courtney Thomas
(3) _____ (4) _____

Proposed Date of Interview: 9/15/03 Proposed Time: 10:00 (AM/PM)

Type of Interview Requested:

(1) ☒ Telephonic (2) ☐ Personal (3) ☐ Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, provide brief description: _____

Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) <u>Rej.</u>	<u>Claim 1</u>	<u>Ohtomo</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(2) <u>Rej.</u>	<u>Claim 1</u>	<u>Inoue</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3) _____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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☐ Continuation Sheet Attached

Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:

Ohtomo does not teach use of natural light; it teaches blocking/ignoring
it. Inoue does not teach use of distance vs. light graphs in storage unit.

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on September 15, 2003.

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